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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (September 24-30, 2007)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

¶2. (U) During the September 24-30, 2007 reporting period, 11 GOT security officials were killed, including seven village guards shot by PKK terrorists while riding on a minibus and another three in IED explosions. Fifteen security officials were injured, including 10 in explosions.

¶3. (U) In the same period, 11 PKK terrorists were killed in clashes, while three PKKers were captured and another five surrendered.

¶4. (U) The TGS website reported 12 clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in Turkey's southeastern region during the reporting period. Security forces discovered at least 35 PKK shelters/caves/caches and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

¶5. (U) During the reporting period security forces detected 21 explosive devices in the region, most of which were detonated in a controlled environment before they exploded as planned by the PKK.

¶6. (U) On September 29, PKK terrorists opened fire on a minibus carrying village guards and civilians who were returning from a water pipeline construction project to their homes in Besagac, Beytussebap District in Sirnak Province. Seven village guards and five civilians died and one village guard and one civilian were injured during the incident.

On September 29, a young boy collecting wood, stepped on a PKK mine

near Balaban, Dicle District, Diyarbakir Province. He was killed.

On September 28, a PKK mine went off in the mountainous region of Adakli District, Bingol Province, killing three grazing animals.

On September 25, a PKK mine went off in the mountainous region of Pulumur District, Tunceli Province, killing three grazing animals.

On September 24, a privately-owned tractor struck a mine on the road between Mutki and Kapakli in Bitlis Province and was damaged.

17. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES (NUMBER)

May 2007, 40

June 2007, 40

July 2007, 15

August 2007, 12

September 1-7, 2007, 5

September 8-15, 2007, 5

September 16-23, 2007, 13

September 24-30, 2007, 12

September (full month), 35

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CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA

June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA

July 2007 10 KIA, 14 WIA

August 2007 12 KIA, 30 WIA

September 1-7, 2007 0 KIA, 0 WIA

September 8-15, 2007 0 KIA, 12 WIA

September 16-23, 2007 1 KIA, 5 WIA

September 24-30, 2007 11 KIA, 15 WIA

September (full month) 12 KIA, 32 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered

June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

July 2007 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered

August 2007 38 KIA, 24 captured, 7 surrendered

September 1-7, 2007 1 KIA, 3 captured, 1 surrendered

September 8-15, 2007 7 KIA, 4 captured, 3 surrendered

September 16-23, 2007 21 KIA, 5 captured, 0 surrendered

September 24-30, 2007 11 KIA, 3 captured, 5 surrendered

September (full month) 40 KIA, 15 captured, 9 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED (NUMBER)

May 2007, 113

June 2007, 50

July 2007, 28

August 2007, 40

September 1-7, 2007, 11

September 8-15, 2007, 13

September 16-23, 2007, 60

September 24-30, 2007, 35

September (full month), 119

¶17. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 1 KIA, 2 WIA

FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA

MARCH 5 KIA, 4 WIA

APRIL 18 KIA, 16 WIA

MAY 15 KIA, 43 WIA

JUNE 24 KIA, 51 WIA

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JULY 10 KIA, 14 WIA

AUGUST 12 KIA, 30 WIA

SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2007, 0 KIA, 0 WIA

SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2007, 0 KIA, 12 WIA

SEPTEMBER 16-23, 2007, 1 KIA, 5 WIA

SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2007, 11 KIA, 15 WIA

SEPTEMBER (full month), 12 KIA, 32 WIA

TOTAL 98 KIA, 192 WIA

PKK (KIA, Captured or surrendered)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 5 captured, 3 surrendered

FEBRUARY 0 KIA, 14 captured, 0 surrendered

MARCH 16 KIA, 15 captured, 7 surrendered

APRIL 16 KIA, 8 captured, 4 surrendered

MAY 20* KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered

JUNE 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

JULY 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered

AUGUST 38 KIA, 24 captured, 7 surrendered

SEPTEMBER 1-7, 2007 1 KIA, 3 captured, 1 surrendered

SEPTEMBER 8-15, 2007 7 KIA, 4 captured, 3 surrendered

SEPTEMBER 16-23, 2007, 21 KIA, 5 captured, 0 surrendered

SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2007, 11 KIA, 3 captured, 5 surrendered

September(full month), 40 KIA, 15 captured, 9 surrendered

TOTAL 175 KIA, 138 Captured, 63 surrendered

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS (KIA or WIA)

JANUARY 0 KIA, 0 WIA

FEBRUARY 1 KIA, 0 WIA

MARCH 0 KIA, 0 WIA

APRIL 1 KIA, 0 WIA

MAY 14*KIA, 108* WIA

JUNE 1 KIA, 1 WIA

JULY 1 KIA, 3 WIA

AUGUST 1 KIA, 1 WIA

SEPTEMBER 1 - 7, 2007 0 KIA, 0 WIA

SEPTEMBER 8 - 15, 2007 0 KIA, 0 WIA

SEPTEMBER 16-23, 2007, 1 KIA, 0 WIA

SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2007, 6 KIA, 1 WIA

SEPTEMBER(full month), 7 KIA, 1 WIA

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TOTAL 26 KIA, 114 WIA

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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